Remarks

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due notification and Examiner's Amendment on May 29, 2007, all pending claims are allowable. In making one final review of the patent application, the applicant's attorney noticed a typographical error in the chemical structure of 2,4-dicumyl phenol in claim #59, thereby necessitating this Rule 312 amendment. Support for the amendment may be found with reference to originally filed paragraph [0020] of the specification as filed. In that paragraph it states:

"The second reaction is the transesterification of the intermediate pentaerythritol diphosphite with an alcohol, R^2 —OH wherein the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of C_{8-22} alkanols, C_{8-22} alkenols, phenols and derivatives thereof, C_{7-40} alkylaryl phenols and derivatives thereof and C_{7-40} arylalkyl phenols and derivatives thereof, wherein said derivatives are chemical moieties selected from the group consisting of halogens, C_{1-4} alkyls, C_{1-4} alkoxy compounds, amino groups, C_{1-6} carboxylic acid groups, cyano groups, nitro groups, etc., in the presence of an alkaline catalyst to produce a pentaerythritol diphosphite of the following formula (VI):

$$R^2-O-PO-PO-R^2$$
 (VI)

where R^2 is preferably selected from the group consisting of 2,4-di-t-butylphenyl, 2,4-dicumylphenyl, and lower $C_8 - C_{20}$ alkanes, e.g., stearyl, isodecyl and decyl derived preferably from alcohols are selected preferably from the group consisting of 2,4-di-t-butylphenol, 2,4-dicumylphenol of formula (VII),

and more generically as described previously."

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment is necessary in order to correct the chemical structure of the dicumylphenol identified by formula (VII). There should be no need for a new search as the change is clerical in nature. The error was only detected upon a final review of the allowed claims.

Request for Reconsideration

It is respectfully submitted that all references identified by the examiner have been distinguished in a non-obvious way. If the examiner believes that a telephonic conversation would facilitate a resolution of any and/or all of the outstanding issues pending in this application, then such a call is cordially invited at the convenience of the examiner.

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